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SUBJECT: PANAMA - TUNA FISHING PROBLEM

REF: BELL/JORDEN TELCON OF 8/28 AND MAW/JORDEN TELECON OF

- 8/29/75

1. FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY DR. ROBERT WHITE, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, AT THE CONCLUSION OF A HEARING REGARDING REGULATIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC) IN SAN DIEGO.

2. BEGIN QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA HAS ADVISED US AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS THAT IT WILL TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE BY VESSELS OF ITS FLAG WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION AND THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS, AND WELCOMES IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH US ON COOPERATION WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DECISION. PANAMA HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INVITED US TO SEND A MISSION TO THAT COUNTRY NEXT WEEK TO

ASSIST THEM.

3. WITH RESPECT TO IMPORTS OF YELLOW FIN TUNA SUBJECT TO IATTC REGULATIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, WE WILL ISSUE A NOTICE NEXT WEEK STATING OUR INTENTION TO EMBARGO SUCH IMPORTS FROM ANY COUNTRY WHOSE VESSELS ARE FISHING IN THE REGULATORY AREA DURING THE CLOSED SEASON. THIS EMBARGO WILL

ENTER INTO FORCE 30 DAYS THEREAFTER WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH COUNTRY THAT HAS NOT IN THE MEANTIME TAKEN EFFECTIVE STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE BY ITS VESSELS WITH THE COMMISSION REGULATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE 30 DAY PERIOD WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO INDICATE WHAT COUNTRIES WILL BE AFFECTED. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL UNQTE KISSINGER

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